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**THURGOOD MARSHALL’S BICENTENNIAL SPEECH ON THE US CONSTITUTION**

*After reading over Thurgood Marshall’s bicentennial address on the Constitution, answer the following questions*.

1. Does Thurgood Marshall credit the vision and foresight of the framers of the Constitution for the ultimate success of the document in governing our nation? Who else might he credit for the victories of the Constitution?

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2. List no less than four (4) specific failures in the Constitution, according to Thurgood Marshall.

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3. Why doesn’t the Constitution use the term slave or slavery at all? (Considering that it includes references to slaves and slavery in no less than three places – the three-fifths compromise, the fugitive slave clause, and the banning of the international slave trade – this could hardly have been an accident!)

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4. What condemnation does Thurgood Marshall target Gouvernour Morris of Pennsylvania for – the same Morris who is feature in Chapter Seven of our text, under “Individual Voices?”

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5. What does Thurgood Marshall’s analysis of the history of African-Americans – and the transformation of the Constitution in the aftermath of the Civil War with the passage of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments – say about his own interpretation of the Constitution as a Supreme Court justice?

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6. What aspects of the Constitution does Thurgood Marshall claim he will celebrate during the bicentennial year of the document?

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